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SUBJECT: WORLD-WIDE TRADE UNION CONFERENCE ON THIRD
WORLD DEVELOPMENT

1. RENE DUHAMEL, CGT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRE-
TARY, REVEALED IN COURSE OF PRESS CONFERENCE 8 OCT
THAT A PROVISIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE EXISTS TO
ORGANIZE A WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE ON THE THEME
OF "THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT." THE COMMITTEE IS COM-
POSED OF LABOR FEDERATIONS OF YUGOSLAVIA, ALGERIA,
CHILI (CUT), INTUC OF PNDIA WHICH DUHAMEL STRESSED
IS ICFTU AFFILIATE, CFDT OF FRANCE AND A WCL
AFFILIATE, AND CGT, ALSO OF FRANCE AND WFTU AFFILIATE.
COMMITTEE MET IN ALGIERS LAST AUQUST AND IS PREPARING
TO MEET AGAIN IN BELGRADE IN NOVEMBER IN THE HOPE OF
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ENLARGING ITSELF AND BECOMINQ A TRULY

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

2. SPEAKING CAREFULLY, DUHAMEL AVOIDED GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE HOLDING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED ESPECIALLY SINCE, AS HE SAID, A DIVISION OF OPINION HAS DEVELOPED AS TO WHETHER CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD UNDER ILO AUSPICES AND THEREFORE IN GENEVA OR AS AN "INDEPENDENT BUT STRICTLY TRADE UNION" CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN AN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRY. ALGERIA HAS ALREADY OFFERED TO BE HOST.

3. ACCORDING TO DUHAMEL CGT IS PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH ANY OF FOREGOING TWO APPROACHES AND HOPES THAT OTHERS WILL FEEL THE SAME WAY. "THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT SUCH A WORLD-WIDE CONFERENCE BE HELD," SAID DUHAMEL, THEREBY LETTING THE PROVERBIAL CAT OUT OF THE BAG. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY REFLECTING W/TU POSITION.

4. FOREGOING LOOKS LIKE A PROGRAMMED SEQUEL TO THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCES WHICH "THE OTHER SIDE" WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ORGANIZING THEREBY ACCRUING GAINS IN ACCEPTABILITY AND RESPECTABILITY OF EE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AS LEGITIMATE TRADE UNIONS.

5. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY INTUC ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH WFTU AND WOULD APPRECIATE A RAY OF LIGHT ON IT.
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